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M-86-057

7 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Joint Special Operations Agency
Organization of Joint Chiefs of Staff

ATTENTION : Chief, Special Activities Branch

SUBJECT : Establishment of FBIS Bureau in West Germany.

REFERENCE : A. JSOA Memorandum SP-S 053-86 dated 29 January 1986,
subject: Establishment of FBIS Bureau.

B. CIA Memorandum M-86-043 dated 24 January 1986,
subject as above.

This is to advise you that the Office of Logistics, Real Estate Branch is assuming responsibility for the proposal to establish a new bureau in Western Germany in response to your memorandum of 29 January 1986. The two FBIS officers discussed in our memorandum proceeded to Germany to hold preliminary discussions with Agency and other local officials, and both the Station and officers were advised of the limitations on their activities as discussed with you orally. Based on the results of their findings, a specific request for logistic assistance will be presented to the Office of Logistics, who in turn will submit a detailed request to you as appropriate.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

CC: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Director of Logistics

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JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-5000

SP-S 053-86
29 January 1986


MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS,
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1 ATTN: [] Chief, MCB, CSS

25X1 Subject: Establishment of FBIS Bureau []

25X1 1. [] The enclosed memorandum requesting DoD assistance to
25X1 survey bases for the establishment of an FBIS Bureau in
25X1 southern Germany is returned without action. Request you work
25X1 this issue with [] at CIA Real Estate Branch,
Office of Logistics, to insure appropriate staffing and
coordination.

25X1 2. [] If in fact it is determined the OJCS Focal Point System
is the proper forum to handle this request, we will actively
work to assist you in your program.


BYRON R. HOOTEN
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Support Activities
Branch, Supporting Opns
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M-86-043

24 January 1986

Washington, D.C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Joint Special Operations Agency
Organization of Joint Chiefs of Staff

ATTENTION: Chief, Special Activities Branch

SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Bureau in West Europe

1. This memorandum is to advise you of our interest in establishing a new Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) bureau in Western Europe preferably on an existing US Army or US Air Force facility in a NATO country and to request your assistance for a preliminary site survey. [redacted]

2. FBIS is an overt organization of the Central Intelligence Agency with the mission of collecting, processing and disseminating intelligence gained from publicly available foreign press, radio and television communications abroad. It has bureaux located throughout the world as well as cooperation arrangements with certain allied nations who have access and coverage of countries not readily available in the United States. We currently rely on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) for coverage of the European continent in addition to reporting by peripheral bureaux of FBIS in London and Cyprus. [redacted]

3. In order to improve our coverage in Europe, and especially to establish a satellite monitoring capability, we wish to locate a new bureau on the continent. For political reasons a NATO country is preferred, and for technical collection reasons West Germany is favored. As an initial step, we wish to send a team consisting of [redacted] Deputy Chief of FBIS, and [redacted] Chief, Engineering Support Group, FBIS, to Germany to conduct a site survey. Approval has been received from [redacted] the Ambassador for the visit, which is scheduled to begin 2 February 1986 and last for up to two weeks on more depending on the circumstances that are encountered. In order to visit Army and Air Force facilities in southern Germany, we request that you advise the local Army and Air Force Focal Point Officers (FPO) of the visit. [redacted]

4. This proposal and TDY assistance request is a follow-up to our initial telephone discussion with Colonel Byron Hooten on 14 January 1986. Prior to departure, [redacted] would like to meet with the relevant Army and Air Force Focal Point officers to brief them on the proposal in more detail. Please advise us of a convenient time to meet with you and the other [redacted]

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25X1 .FPOs. Your continued support of Agency requirements is
25X1 appreciated. Should you have questions, please contact [redacted]
[redacted] on secure [redacted]

25X1 FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS: [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: James V. Hirsch
Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Bureau in West Europe

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. This recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

-- 2. An important element of the ongoing FBIS Modernization Program is to provide communications satellite monitoring capability at selected FBIS bureaus. Experience since the completion of a technical study in 1982 confirms the increasing use of satellites for radio, facsimile, television, and teletype transmissions. The 1982 study, based on the then typical C-band communication satellite, concluded that effective monitoring in the European area could be accomplished from the bureaus in London and Cyprus. However, the recent and accelerating trend to K-band satellites and the commitment of a number of European countries to direct broadcast satellite transmission systems have invalidated the 1982 conclusion. A technical study completed this year concludes that FBIS must establish satellite monitoring capability in West Europe. This would be done in lieu of the major satellite monitoring facility originally projected in the budget for Cyprus.

3. Beyond technical considerations there are important operational gains to be realized from a bureau in Europe. While the cooperative arrangement with the BBC is and will continue to be satisfactory for coverage of East Europe and the Soviet Union, the same is not true for West Europe. The BBC has little interest in West Europe and lacks adequate language capability for this region. An FBIS bureau in Europe can overcome this deficiency while providing a backup to the BBC, which is habitually underfunded and whose personnel are unionized and subject to strike calls. Such a bureau will ensure expanded press, radio, and TV coverage. Finally, a presence in Europe will allow access to databases and cable communications systems which are expected to become increasingly important.

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SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Bureau in West Europe

4. This initiative, which diverts significant resources planned for Cyprus within the approved Modernization Program, is in response to rapidly changing communications technology. The solution of a central location in Europe should ensure effective monitoring through the remainder of this century. Technical considerations do not dictate precise bureau locations or even a specific country. It is felt that for political reasons the bureau should be located in a NATO country, with West Germany favored. A tenant arrangement on a U.S. military facility would seem to be a preferred course of action. We would operate as FBIS.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that you approve in principle an FBIS bureau in West Europe.

James V. Hirsch

Approval recommended:

Deputy Director for Operations

16/12/85
Date

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is (X) APPROVED () DISAPPROVED

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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FBIS is seeking approval to establish a new bureau in Western Europe (Germany) per Jim [redacted] C/FBIS Support Staff. If approved team will go out [redacted] and visit possible sites to establish bureau. They will examine US Government locations but are not restricted to a kaserne or air base. Jim mentioned Munich, Augsburg as possible site based on propagation of signals they are interested in receiving. OJCS (COL Hooten) informed and he asked for something in writing when firm. Does not want to alert Army or Air Force until specifics known. /

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